

Design of TiO₂-Surfactin hybrid systems with multifunctional properties

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Table S1. Sample codes and TiO₂:SS weight ratios of nanosols obtained by sol-gel synthesis process and relative powders obtained by SFD process.

Sample code		TiO ₂ :SS weight ratio
Nanosol	Powder	
TiO ₂ @SS_1:0.1_S	TiO ₂ @SS_1:0.1_S_SFD	10.0
TiO ₂ @SS_1:0.5_S	TiO ₂ @SS_1:0.5_S_SFD	2.0
TiO ₂ @SS_1:1_S	TiO ₂ @SS_1:1_S_SFD	1.0
TiO ₂ @SS_1:2_S	TiO ₂ @SS_1:2_S_SFD	0.5
TiO ₂ @SS_1:6_S	TiO ₂ @SS_1:6_S_SFD	0.17
TiO ₂ @SS_1:8_S	TiO ₂ @SS_1:8_S_SFD	0.13
TiO ₂ @TX_S	TiO ₂ @TX_S_SFD	16.7*

*TiO₂:Triton X weight ratio

Table S2. Sample codes and TiO₂:SS weight ratios of nanosols obtained by heterocoagulation process and relative powders obtained by SFD process.

Sample code		TiO ₂ :SS weight ratio
Nanosol sample	Powder sample	
TiO ₂ /SS_1:1_E	TiO ₂ /SS_1:1_E_SFD	1.0
TiO ₂ /SS_1:6_E	TiO ₂ /SS_1:6_E_SFD	0.17
TiO ₂ /SS_1:8_E	TiO ₂ /SS_1:8_E_SFD	0.13

The TiO₂ used to produce the heterocoagulated samples is TiO₂@TX of Table S1 (containing around 6 wt.% of Triton X)

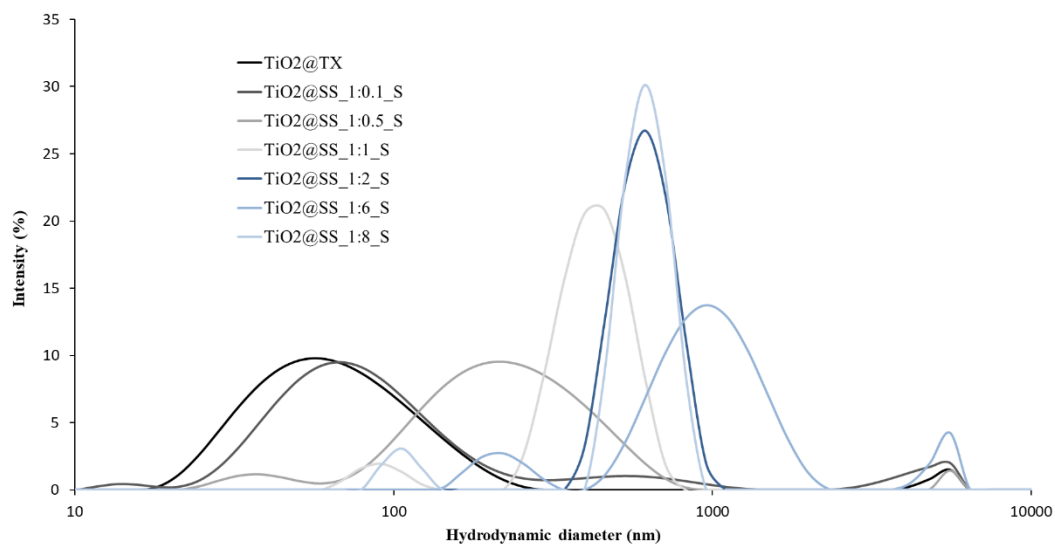


Figure S1. Particle size distribution of TiO₂@SS samples obtained by sol-gel synthesis method.

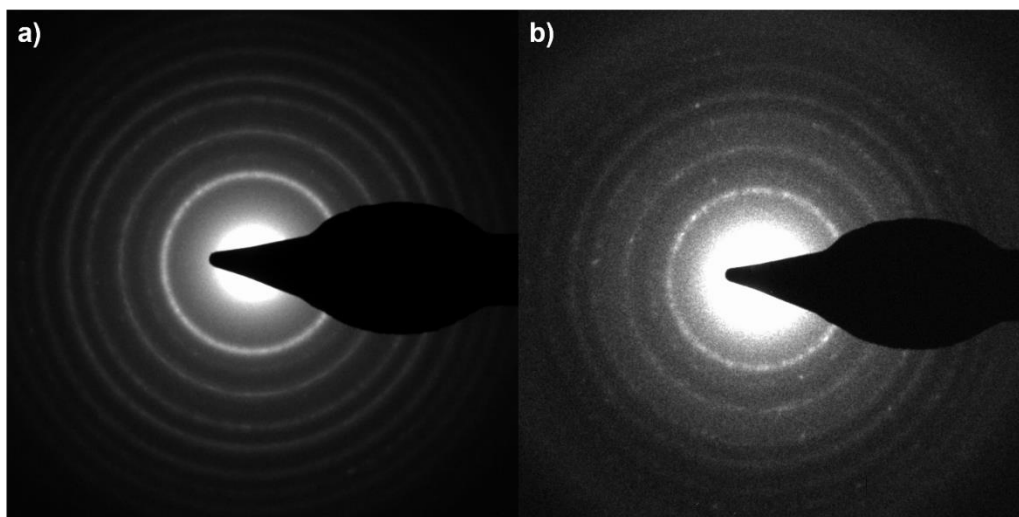


Figure S2. SAED patterns of a) TiO₂@SS_S_1:0.1 and b) TiO₂@SS_S_1:1 sample.

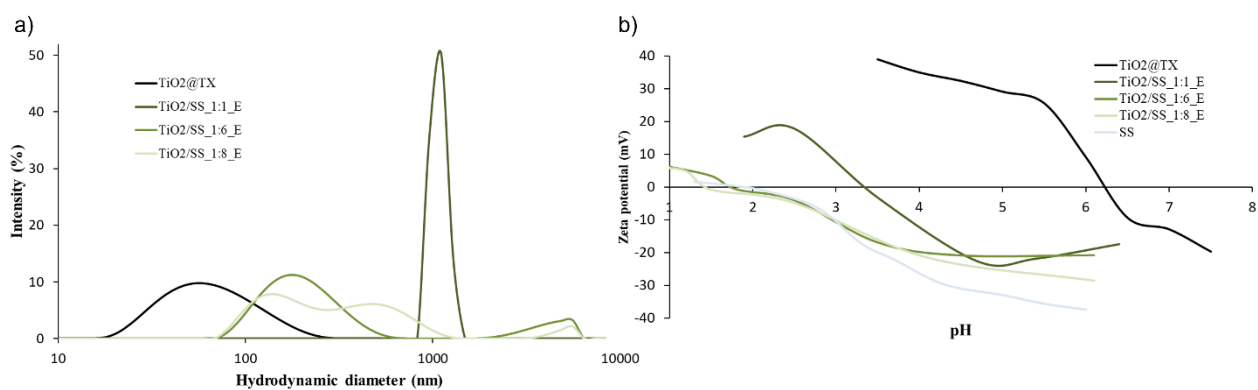


Figure S3. a) Particle size distribution and b) Zeta potential as a function of pH curves of TiO₂/SS_E samples obtained by heterocoagulation process.

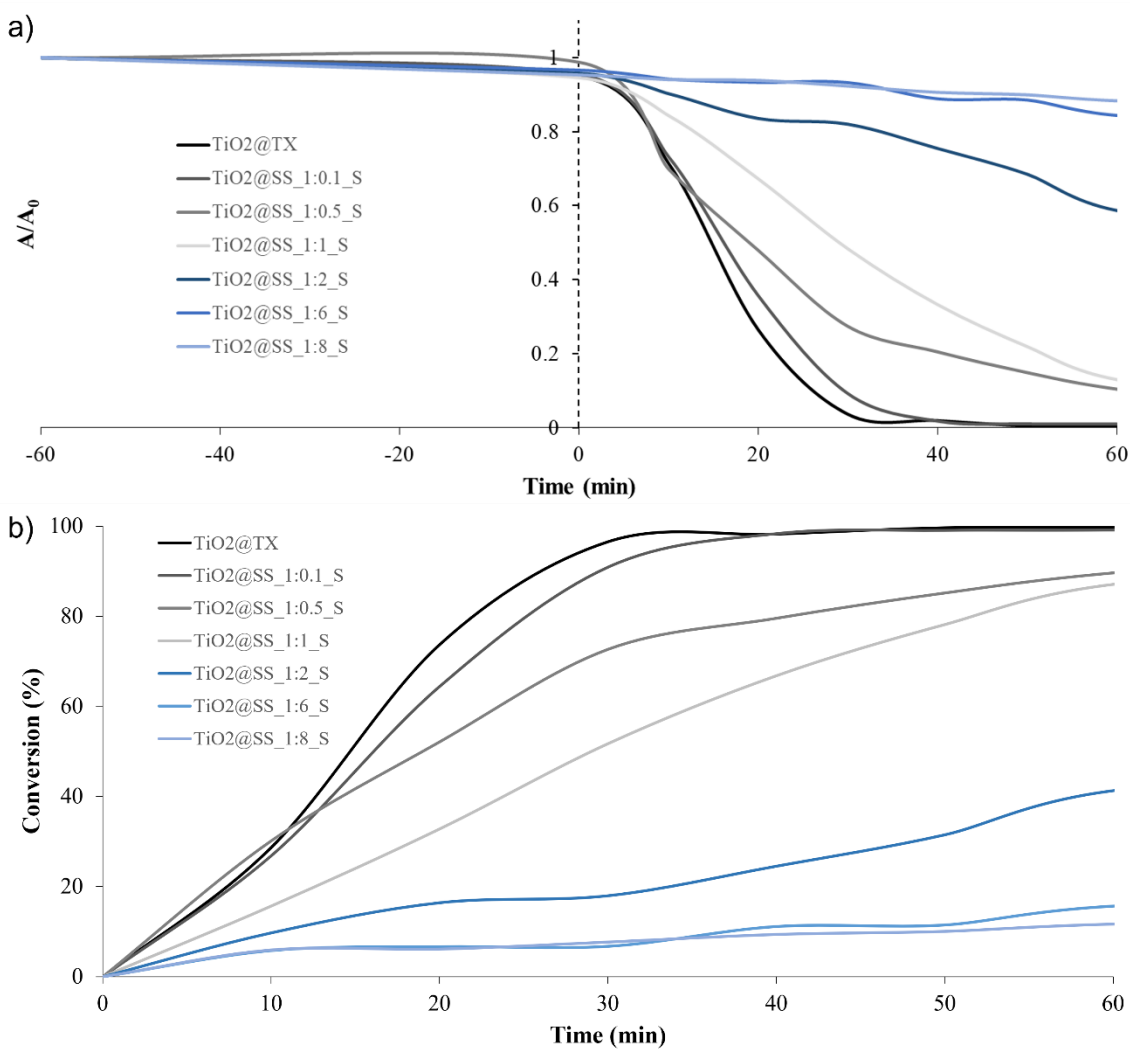


Figure S4. a) Trend of A/A₀ and b) Conversion (%) over time of TiO₂@SS_S samples obtained by sol-gel synthesis method.

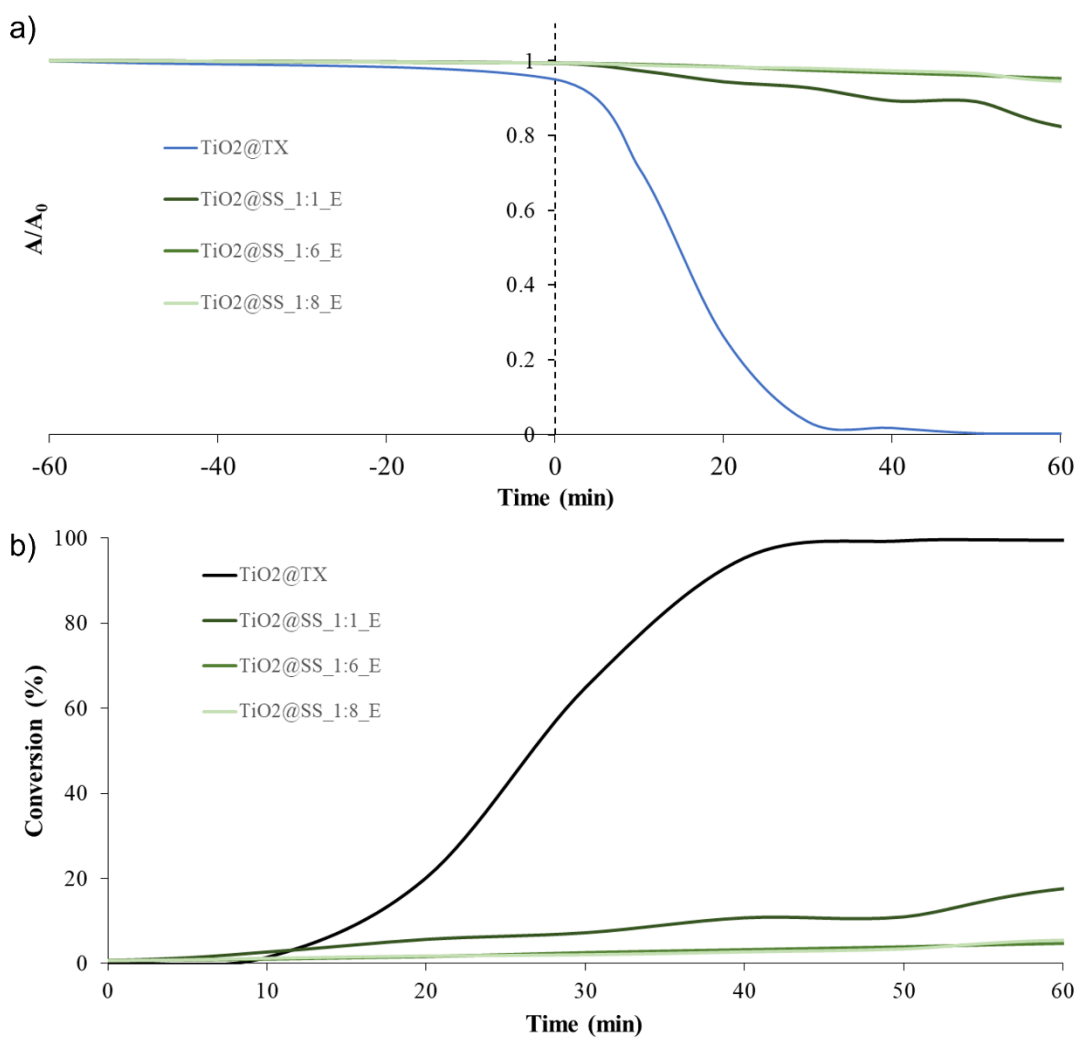


Figure S5. a) Trend of A/A_0 and b) Conversion (%) over time of TiO₂/SS_E samples obtained by heterocoagulation process.

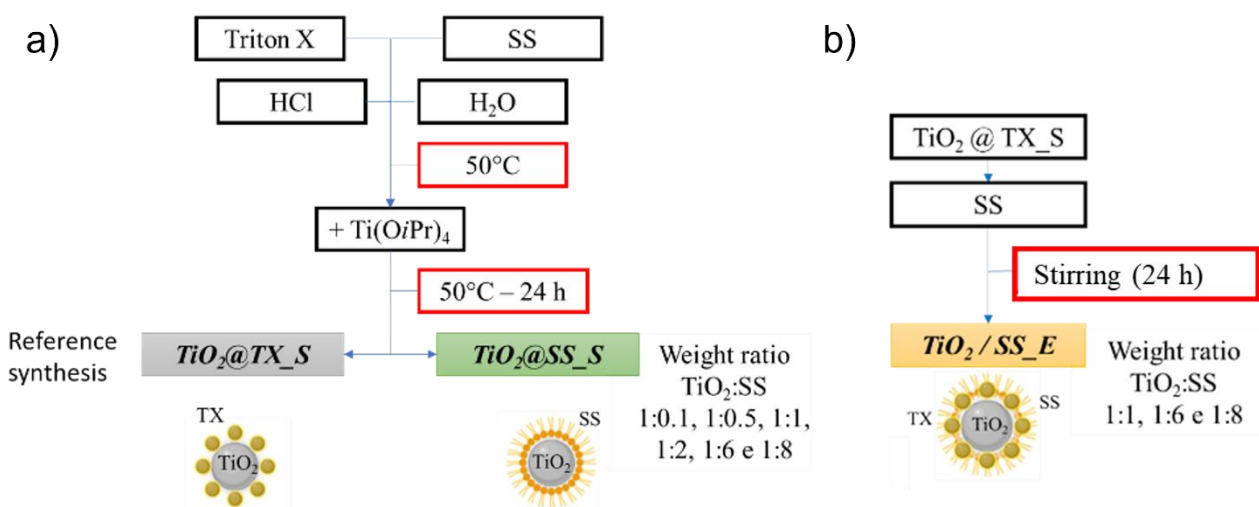


Figure S6. Scheme of a) sol-gel processes using Triton X (TX) and Sodium Surfactin (SS) as surfactant and b) heterocoagulation process.

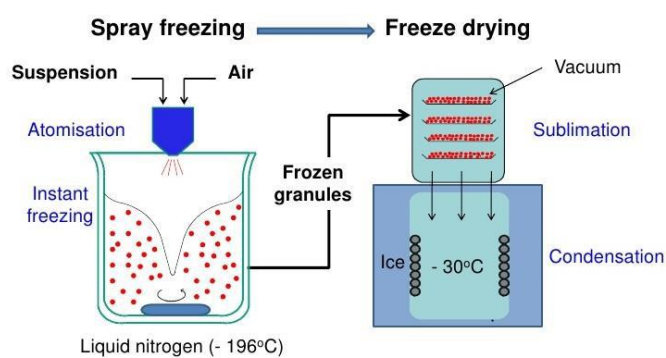


Figure S7. Schematisation of the spray-freeze-drying process.

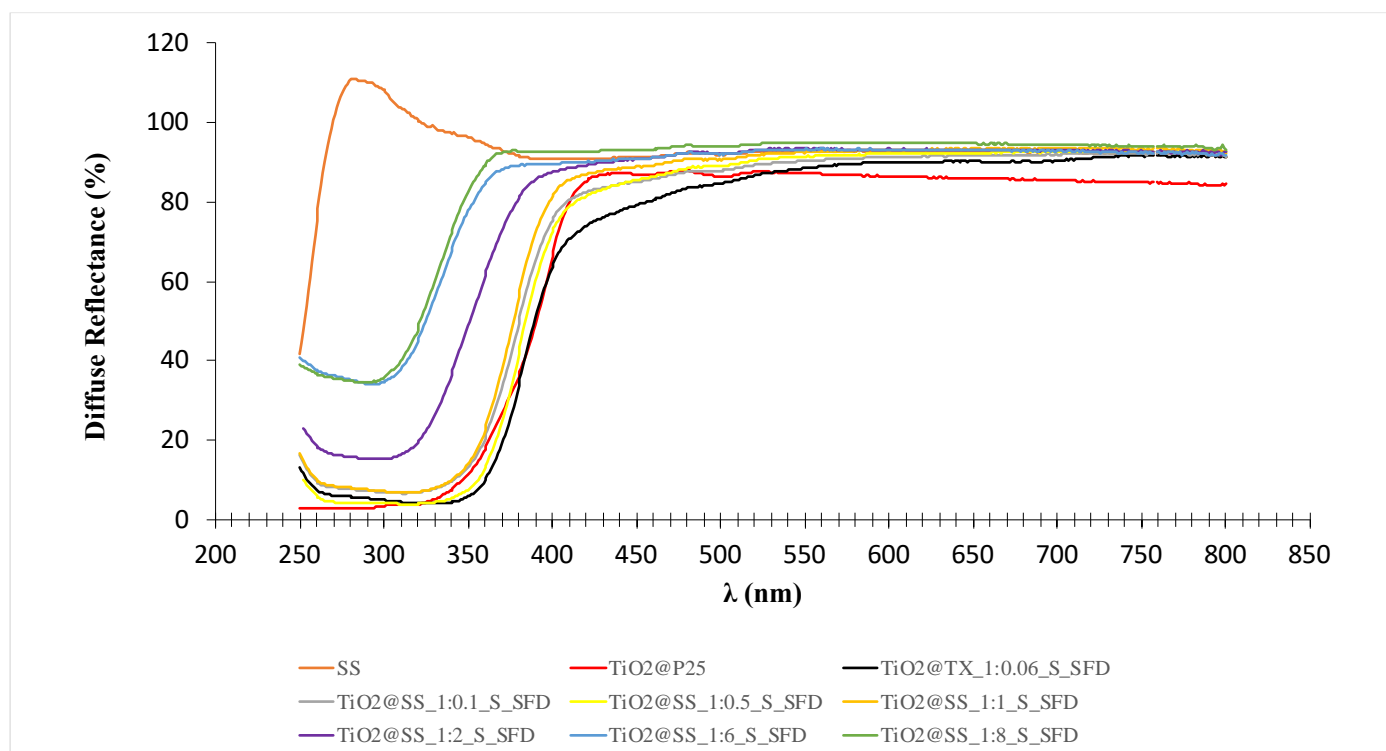


Figure S8. Diffuse reflectance over different wavelengths of $\text{TiO}_2@SS_S$ samples.

Table S3. Adsorption properties derived by UV-Vis. analysis.

Powder sample code	Absorption range (nm)	Band gap energy (eV)
TiO₂@TX_SFD	350-450	3.14
TiO₂ P25*	350-420	3.19
TiO₂@SS_1:0.1_S_SFD	350-420	3.17
TiO₂@SS_1:0.5_S_SFD	350-420	3.18
TiO₂@SS_1:1_S_SFD	350-420	3.18
TiO₂@SS_1:2_S_SFD	300-380	3.33
TiO₂@SS_1:6_S_SFD	300-360	3.41
TiO₂@SS_1:8_S_SFD	300-360	3.41

*TiO₂ P25 (commercial powder sample from Degussa-Evonik)